

**SENATE BILL NO. 58**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: HES, L&C

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act restricting the use of the title 'industrial hygienist' and related titles and  
2 initials."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 45.50.471(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

5 (38) violating AS 45.50.477(a) - (c).

6 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 45.50 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 Sec. 45.50.477. USE OF TITLES RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE.

8 (a) A person may not use the title "industrial hygienist," the initials "I.H.," another  
9 term that includes the phrase "industrial hygiene" or similar words, or represent to the  
10 public that the person is an industrial hygienist, unless the person has a baccalaureate  
11 or graduate degree in industrial hygiene, biology, chemistry, engineering, physics, or  
12 a closely related physical or biological science from a college or university accredited  
13 by a national or regional accreditation association recognized by the Council on  
14 Postsecondary Accreditation and has acquired competence in industrial hygiene through

1 special studies sufficient to provide the person with the ability and competence to

2 (1) anticipate and recognize the environmental factors and stresses  
3 associated with work and work operations and to understand their effects on people  
4 and their well-being;

5 (2) evaluate, on the basis of training and demonstrated work experience  
6 and with the aid of quantitative measurement techniques, the magnitude of the factors  
7 and stresses identified under (1) of this subsection in terms of their ability to impair  
8 human health and well-being; and

9 (3) prescribe methods to prevent, eliminate, control, or reduce the  
10 factors and stresses identified under (a) of this subsection when necessary to alleviate  
11 their effects.

12 (b) A person may not use the title "industrial hygienist in training," the initials  
13 "I.H.I.T.," another term involving the phrase "industrial hygiene" or a variation of  
14 those words, or represent to the public that the person is an industrial hygienist in  
15 training, unless the person is certified as an industrial hygienist in training by the  
16 American Board of Industrial Hygiene.

17 (c) A person may not use the title "certified industrial hygienist," the initials  
18 "C.I.H.," another term involving the phrase "industrial hygiene" or a variation of those  
19 words, or represent to the public that the person is a certified industrial hygienist  
20 unless the person is certified as a certified industrial hygienist by the American Board  
21 of Industrial Hygiene.

22 (d) A state or local government agency may not prohibit or restrict the practice  
23 of industrial hygiene by a qualified individual who complies with this section except  
24 to the extent that a state statute allows the agency to regulate a specific activity that  
25 may be included in the practice of industrial hygiene.

26 (e) In this section, "industrial hygiene" means the science and practice devoted  
27 to the anticipation, recognition, evaluation, and control of environmental factors and  
28 stresses arising in or from the workplace that may cause illness, impaired health or  
29 well-being, or significant discomfort among workers and may also affect persons  
30 outside the workplace.